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1. We enclose the following documents:

- Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs.), in duplicate
- Amendment (6 pgs.), in response to Office Action dated May 2, 2002, including Appendix (1 pg.)
- Return postcard

STATUS

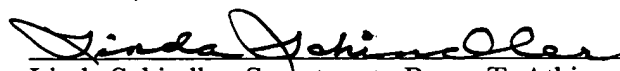
2. Applicant

_____ claims small entity status.
_____ ☒ is other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above in an envelope addressed to the Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: July 14, 2003


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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

| Extension for response within: | Other than small entity Fee | Small entity Fee (if applicable) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| _____ first month | \$ 110.00 | \$ 55.00 |
| _____ second month | \$ 410.00 | \$ 205.00 |
| _____ third month | \$ 930.00 | \$ 465.00 |
| _____ fourth month | \$1,450.00 | \$ 725.00 |
| _____ fifth month | \$1,970.00 | \$ 985.00 |

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

_____ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| | (Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | (Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA | SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE | OR | OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE |
|---|---|---|------------------------------|--|----|--|
| TOTAL | MINUS | = | | x \$9 = \$ | | x \$18 = \$ |
| INDEP. | MINUS | = | | x \$42 = \$ | | x \$84 = \$ |
| — FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | + \$140 = \$ | | + \$280 = \$ |
| | | | | TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$ | OR | TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$ |

- (a) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

- (b) _____ Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____

FEE PAYMENT

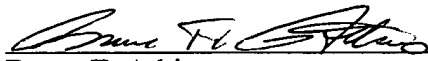
5. _____ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____
 _____ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$ _____.
 _____ A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. _____ Other:


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